

male Takin from the Rangoon Zoo in exchange for two giraffes and four zebras from Africa.

The takins were identified as *Budorcas t. taxicolor*.

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The locality where the young male takin was captured is not known. The female takin was captured on the Burma-India border by a team from Sankaung Village, Putato district.

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6. *LEPUS ARABICUS* EHRENBERG FROM JAMMU AND KASHMIR:
AN ADDITION TO THE MAMMALIAN FAUNA OF INDIA

During the faunistic survey of Jammu and Kashmir in 1974 a specimen of the Arabian Hare, *Lepus arabolicus* Ehrenberg was collected from Udhampur, southeastern Jammu and Kashmir, which according to Ellerman & Morrison-Scott (1951) has not been hitherto recorded from India. Since a detailed report on the collection will take some time to prepare, it was thought desirable to record this addition to the mammalian fauna of India.

Lepus arabolicus Ehrenberg

1833. *Lepus arabolicus* Ehrenberg, *Symb. Phys. Mamm.*, 2: Sig. r. (Qunfidha, Arabia).
Material:

1♂: Jhajjar Kotli, Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir; 13 Nov. 1975; coll. S. Chakraborty.

Measurements:

External: Head and body 352 mm; Tail 112 mm; Hindfoot 91 mm; Ear 123 mm.

Cranial: Occipitonasal 69 mm; Nasal 29.6

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mm; Bullae 12 mm; Upper tooth row 11.3 mm; Frontal 15.7 mm; Mesopterygoid space 6.2 mm.

Distribution:

According to Ellerman & Morrison-Scott (1951) *Lepus arabolicus* is known to occur in Baluchistan, Middle East and Libya. Therefore, the present material not only constitutes its first record from India, but also extends its range further eastward.

Remarks:

The specimen from Jammu and Kashmir agrees well with the description of *Lepus craspedotis* Blanford (currently known as *Lepus arabolicus craspedotis*) given by Kloss (1918), but the black bands of hair at the posterior half of the back are much conspicuous and broader than those of the holotype of *craspedotis* and two more August specimens from Baluchistan present in the Zoological Survey of India, collection.

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